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**RE: Notice of Intent to Reclaim the Cottonwood and Wilberg Mine Complex,
PacifiCorp, Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine Permit C/0015/0019, Emery County, Utah**

Dear Mr. Baza:

On behalf of PacifiCorp, Interwest Mining Company, (a wholly-owned subsidiary of PacifiCorp and managing agent for its coal mine operations) together with Energy West Mining Company, (a wholly-owned subsidiary of PacifiCorp and mine operator) submits this notice of intent to reclaim the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine Complex.

As you are aware, the Cottonwood/Wilberg mining complex is located at the northern end of state highway 57 approximately 10 miles north of the town of Castle Dale in Emery County, Utah. This coal mining complex consists of surface facilities situated within Grimes Wash near each of the Cottonwood and Wilberg mine portals. The surface facilities are comprised of the coal silo and truck loadout with all other associated surface facilities including the sedimentation pond, drain field area, the soil storage area at the old waste rock site, and the Trail Mountain Access portal and belt portal areas located in Cottonwood Canyon. Reclamation of these areas involves approximately 45.32 acres of disturbed lands.

The Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine has been in temporary cessation since May 29, 2001. Production at the mine was halted on March 15, 2001 due to poor mining conditions and economic circumstances at that time.

By way of background, the Wilberg Mine had been active in various ways since the late 1800's. Cyrus Wilberg conducted mining in the Wilberg Mine until 1945. In 1958, the

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Wilberg Mine was acquired by Peabody Coal Company. On March 24, 1977, Utah Power and Light Company (predecessor of PacifiCorp) acquired the mine and federal and private coal leases from Peabody Coal Company. Later on in 1981, the South Lease (federal coal tract UTU-47978) was acquired and added to the overall complex. The Cottonwood/Wilberg operation was officially authorized as a production mine on January 23, 1978, in accordance with 30 CFR 211.

On July 1, 1985, the Wilberg Mine and the South Lease area were separated into two distinct mines; the Wilberg Mine (MSHA ID No. 42-00080) and Cottonwood Mine (MSHA ID No. 42-01944). Each mine operated independently of the other utilizing separate equipment and ventilation systems.

In 1990, Energy West Mining Company replaced the Utah Power & Light Mining Division as the mine operator. The complex has been operated by Energy West Mining Company since that time.

Prior to temporary cessation in 2001, a total of 40.3 million tons had been produced from the Cottonwood/Wilberg mines. As determined in the currently approved resource recovery and protection plan and the East Mountain logical mining unit, there is no mineable or economic reserves remaining in the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine. The portal's surface facilities and underground workings are no longer of any practical or strategic value to PacifiCorp.

The Wilberg Mine portals are located on the north coal outcrop in Grimes Wash on the southern end of East Mountain. Mine personnel and coal transfer facilities are located at the Wilberg portal.

The Cottonwood Mine portals are located on the south coal outcrop of the Grimes Wash. Although they are separate underground operations, the two mines share common surface facilities, thus forming the Cottonwood/Wilberg complex.

The Cottonwood Mine portals provided for men and equipment access, underground conveyor belt coal haulage system, and mine ventilation. Coal produced from PacifiCorp's Trail Mountain Mine (located in Cottonwood Canyon directly west of the Cottonwood/Wilberg mine complex) was transported through the Cottonwood Mine to the mine complex's coal handling facilities. The processed coal was loaded on trucks where it was shipped to the Hunter Power Plant located south of Castle Dale, Utah.

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The Cottonwood/Wilberg mine portals targeted for reclamation are in the (lower) Hiawatha Seam. The previously reclaimed 9th East portals (Completed 1999) of the Deer Creek Mine in the (upper) Blind Canyon Seam are adjacent to the mine site.

In July of 2009, Energy West Mining Company submitted a permit renewal for the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine. This permit expires on July 6, 2014. Energy West Mining Company intends to submit a permit for reclamation as this current permit expires. It is our intent over the period between now and our next permit renewal to initiate the process required by law to commence with reclamation of the mine disturbed areas in accordance with the approved mining and reclamation permit.

We request that all interested parties be fully aware of that intent as we begin the various actions for reclamation throughout the remainder of 2014. We are preparing a preliminary schedule to begin demolition reclamation during the second quarter of 2014. Backfilling, grading, and re-vegetation activities will begin in early spring of 2015 with completion during the fall of 2015.

We welcome any comments, suggestions, or concerns you may have with respect to this notice and forthcoming project. Please feel free to contact Kenneth Fleck (435) 687-4712 or Dennis Oakley (435) 687-4825 of Energy West Mining Company in this regard.

Respectfully,



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